

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015
ACTIVITY CENTER
12:00 NOON

Present:

Greg A. Weitzel, Brent Martin, Linda Beard, P.J. Holm, Bill Combo, Mike Davis, Jim Hammon, Matt Hill, Steve Janes, Kerry Martin, Jill Kirkham, John LoBuono, Kris Millgate, Dave Radford, Tom Hally

Absent:

Tim Reinke, Jeff Forbes, Tom Hersh

Guest Attendees:

Lisa Jones, Robert Nitchke, Kerry McCullough, Jennifer Stewart, Michael Tunte of Design Workshop

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

B. Combo made a motion to approve minutes from the last meeting. Jim Hammon moved to accept as written. Steve Janes seconded. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Greg Weitzel

- Michael Tunte from Design Workshop is introduced. His firm won the bids for the Tautphaus and Heritage Park master plans. Mr. Tunte reviewed the project process, the community feedback options and how websites will be incorporated. Dave Radford requests that 4H is incorporated if at all possible.
- CRC report is final and has been presented to City Council.
- Alcohol Ordinance is under review and going to City Council.
- Naming and Renaming of City premises is under review.
- Jennifer Stewart and her work with Parks and Recreation is introduced.
- Park Security is reviewed. 4Sight security has donated two more cameras. Hope to be installed on the water tower and at Tautphaus Park. We are in the process of getting bids on installing more systems in other P&R facilities.
- The transfer of assets and control of the War Bonnet Roundup Rodeo is being reviewed and going to Council in the next month.
- Governor Otter is taking steps to try and relegalize intermural horseracing.
- A draft Tobacco Free Parks resolution is ready to go to City Council when the agenda permits.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Golf – Tim Reinke (absent)

- No Report.

Zoo – Linda Beard

- October "Boo at the Zoo" Hosted 8,381 people. Rain affected numbers.
- Review of USDA inspection.

Recreation – P.J. Holm

- Drop-in Pickleball has begun. It is Monday Wednesday and Friday mornings at the Rec Center.
- Great Pumpkin Cyclocross held at Community Park hosted 40 riders. 3rd Annual Blue Goose is coming next week.
- Attended IRPA. Idaho Falls will host this conference in 2016.
- Group Sports Review.
- Aquatic Center revenues are up about \$2k from this time last year. They have hired 2 new aquatic specialists.
- Paddock Evacuator System is on hold waiting on Conan Heating and parts to be manufactured.
- Ice opened October 10th. Mechanical malfunction caused one-week closure.

Parks/Cemeteries – Brent Martin

- Currently winterizing all irrigation and leave collection.
- Fence at Melaleuca Field will progress into the winter.
- West and east bank project updates given.
- RDA funded lights being installed at the Rock Gardens at Taylor's Crossing.
- Banner updates given.
- Scouts have cleaned up Kieffer's Island again.
- Cemetery updates given

BONNEVILLE COUNTY – D. Radford

- Thanked City for donation and Brent Martin and his crew for help with the Blacktail Project.
- Great Western Trail project update given. Presentation to come at a future date.
- Gearing up for snow removal.

GOLF REPORT – Tom Hersh (absent)

- No Report

SCHOOL DISTRICT #91 – Kerry Martin

- Fall sports have concluded.
- Idaho Falls Girls Volley Ball won State Championship.
- Ashlyn Dyer won State Track.

SCHOOL DISTRICT #93 – Mike Davis

- Winterizing all irrigation.
- Bond vote is tomorrow.
- Girls' junior high volley ball did well.
- Basketball is starting.

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE – Matt Hill

- Dealing with diseased trees on private property.
- Looking for 2 new Shade Tree Commission Members.

MEETING ADJURNED AT 1:10 P.M.

*Recorded by
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